

June 13, 2001

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

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Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, June 21, 2001**

Phoenix Airport Marriott Hotel

Ponderosa/Sagebrush Rooms

1101 North 44th Street, Phoenix (see enclosed map)

Awards Reception/Dinner - 5:30 p.m.

Grand Ballroom, Phoenix Airport Marriott Hotel

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The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the Phoenix Airport Marriott Hotel at the time and place noted above. **Please note that the meeting takes place on a Thursday.** Supporting information is enclosed for your review. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the Annual Desert Peaks Awards dinner. MAG will host the reception/dinner for the Regional Council members. The Desert Peaks Awards reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the dinner is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. The Awards presentation is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. and conclude by 8:30 p.m. Reservations for additional individuals to attend the dinner can be made as space allows.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
June 21, 2001**

	<b><u>COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED</u></b>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Approval of May 23, 2001 Meeting Minutes</u>	3. Review and approve May 23, 2001 meeting minutes.
4. <u>Call to the Audience</u>  An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.	4. For information.
5. <u>Executive Director's Report</u>  The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	5. For information and discussion.
6. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u>  Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	6. Approve the Consent Agenda.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\*****AIR QUALITY ITEM**

- \*7. Consultation for Project-Level Conformity Determination on the Proposed SR 51/Bell Road Park-and-Ride Facility

The City of Phoenix has requested concurrence for the project-level conformity determination prepared for the SR 51/Bell Road Park-and-Ride facility. The project is in the amended FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for fiscal year 2001. The project was exempt from the regional emissions analyses according to the federal transportation conformity guidelines as a "bus terminal and transfer point." A conformity determination is required for federal-aid assisted projects under the transportation conformity guidelines. The City of Phoenix has prepared an air quality impact analysis, which includes a carbon monoxide hot-spot analysis for this project. The analysis concludes that the SR 51/Bell Road Park-and-Ride facility will not cause or contribute to an exceedance of the carbon monoxide standard. MAG has reviewed the air quality impact analysis for completeness and concurs with the findings. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. For consultation.

**GENERAL ITEMS**

- \*8. Amendment of Contract with Planning Technologies for Model Enhancements

The FY 2002 MAG Unified Planning Work Program, approved by the Regional Council in May 2001, includes a work element to enhance the Subarea Allocation model that MAG uses for the preparation of socioeconomic projections. This custom model was developed for MAG by Planning Technologies. The enhancements to the model are needed to project special populations (seasonal, transient and population in group quarters) and work at home employment (telework and home based businesses) in preparation for the next round of socioeconomic projections. MAG is requesting an amendment to increase the contract with Planning Technologies by \$50,000 from \$210,000 to \$260,000 to cover

8. Approve increasing the contract between MAG and Planning Technologies by \$50,000 from \$210,000 to \$260,000 for socioeconomic model enhancements.

these model enhancements. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*9. Amendment of MAG GIS and Database Enhancement Contract with TerraSystems Southwest to Perform Consistency Checks

The FY 2002 Unified Planning Work Program, approved by the Regional Council in May 2001, includes a work element to ensure consistency between MAG databases, Census 2000 data, and the base data compiled through the MAG GIS and Database Enhancement Project. TerraSystems Southwest is currently under contract to MAG to perform quality assurance/quality control tasks on the \$750,000 MAG GIS and Database Enhancement Project. The consistent data from the MAG GIS and Database Review for Census 2000 Consistency will provide the base from which new socioeconomic projections will be prepared. MAG is therefore requesting an amendment to increase the contract with TerraSystems by \$75,000 from \$107,900 to \$182,900 to cover the additional work. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*10. Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the City of Phoenix North Gateway Water Reclamation Plant

On May 31, 2001, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee conducted a public hearing for the Draft 208 Plan Amendment for the City of Phoenix North Gateway Water Reclamation Plant. The Phoenix Draft 208 Amendment includes the North Gateway Water Reclamation Plant with an ultimate capacity of 32 million gallons per day (mgd). The facility is identified in the current MAG 208 Plan as the proposed Biscuit Flats Water Reclamation Plant with an ultimate capacity of 12.5 mgd. Excess reclaimed water from the facility would be disposed of through reuse, recharge, and discharge to Skunk Creek. The Flood Control District of Maricopa County has indicated they do not object to the

9. Approve amending the contract between MAG and TerraSystems Southwest by \$75,000 from \$107,900 to \$182,900 to ensure consistency between MAG databases, Census 2000 data, and the base data compiled through the MAG GIS and Database Enhancement Project.

10. Approval of the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the City of Phoenix North Gateway Water Reclamation Plant.

proposed facility. Following the public hearing, the Water Quality Advisory Committee recommended approval of the amendment. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation of the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- \*11. Amendment to the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Include Additional Funds From the Arizona Department of Economic Security and Amendment of the MarketNow Contract to Develop an Enhanced MAG Web Page for Human Services

On April 16, 2001, the Arizona Department of Economic Security provided MAG \$35,000 in Social Service Block Grant Funds to further the activities of the Human Services Program. It is necessary to amend the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program to include these funds, and also to amend the contract between MAG and MarketNow by \$35,000 from \$60,000 to \$95,000 to develop an enhanced web page for human services. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. Approval of the amendment to the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include \$35,000 from the Arizona Department of Economic Security to further the activities of the MAG Human Services Program and to amend the contract between MAG and MarketNow by \$35,000 from \$60,000 to \$95,000 to develop an enhanced web page for human services.

## ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

### TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

12. Requested Changes to the Regional Freeway Program

The Arizona Department of Transportation is requesting changes to the Regional Freeway Program. These changes include three schedule changes, a few new, small projects and a series of cost changes. Although the Regional Freeway Program cash flow is extremely tight, these project changes can be incorporated without impacting the scheduled completion of any Regional Freeway System projects. The Management Committee concurred with the proposed changes. They also recommended that priority be given to 33 miles of unfunded freeway landscaping in the upcoming stakeholder process. Please refer to the enclosed material.

12. Approval of the requested changes to the MAG Regional Freeway Program.

**GENERAL ITEMS**

13. Amendment to the FY 2001 and FY 2002 MAG Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets

In May, the Regional Council approved the FY 2002 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. This Work Program and Annual Budget included carryforward projects from FY 2001. On May 22, 2001, the MAG Transportation Review Committee approved \$2.1 million in additional projects as part of the Interim Close Out of the FY 2001 MAG Federally Funded Program. These funds were available due to additional requests to delay programmed FY 2001 projects. An amendment to the FY 2001 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is necessary to obligate a portion of these funds. In addition, these funds need to be carried forward into the FY 2002 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. The Management Committee recommended that these funds include an additional \$200,000 for the MAG Freeway Bottleneck Removal Study, an additional \$200,000 for the Commuter Rail/High Capacity Transit Study and an additional \$120,000 for the RPTA Telework Program. Please refer to the enclosed material.

14. Election of Officers

The MAG Nominating Committee has recommended a slate of officers for 2001-2002. The MAG officer positions are Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer. In accordance with the MAG Nomination Process, two At-Large members were also nominated. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. Approval of an amendment to the FY 2001 and FY 2002 MAG Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets to include \$200,000 for the MAG Freeway Bottleneck Removal Study; \$200,000 for the Commuter Rail/High Capacity Transit Study; and \$120,000 for the RPTA Telework Program.

14. Election of the Regional Council officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer and two At-Large Members as members of the Executive Committee.